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August 23, 2002

The Honorable Gary Locke
Governor of the State of Washington
Office of the Governor
Legislative Bldg.
PO Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Governor Locke:

As Chairman of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, I present this letter as our formal request to enter into negotiations with the State of Washington for a Compact to conduct Class III gaming. It is our understanding that we must enter into a Gaming Compact in order to participate in Tribal Lottery Terminal Allocation Agreements and benefit from the operation of TLS terminals in other Tribal casinos.

Our Tribe looks forward to the government to government relationship we will enjoy with the State of Washington at many levels, including our potential shared relationship as gaming regulators along with the Washington State Gambling Commission should our Tribe decide to offer gaming in the future.

It is our understanding that Gambling Commission staff will respond to this request on your behalf. In that regard, our contact for purposes of compacting is Bill Iyall. I am confident in our reaching a swift and amicable agreement on language.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this request.

Respectfully,

John Barnett, Chairman
Cowlitz Indian Tribe

cc: Everett Billingslea, General Counsel to the Governor
Rick Day, Director, Washington State Gambling Commission
Dennis Whittlesey, Counsel to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe